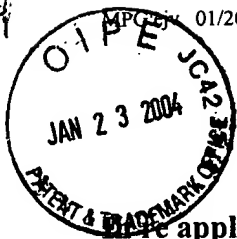


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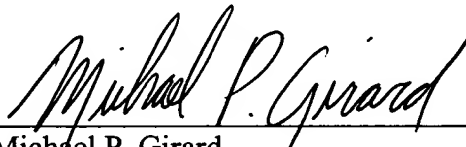
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office action dated October 22, 2003, Applicants responds as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.